

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

TERRY BELL, )  
 )  
 Plaintiff, ) Case No.  
 vs. )  
 ) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED  
 COOLEY TRANSPORT, LLC and )  
 GARY DAVIS, )  
 )  
 Defendants. )

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL TO DISTRICT COURT**

Come now Defendants, by and through their attorneys, and request the removal of the above captioned action from the Circuit Court of St. Louis City, State of Missouri, to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri pursuant to the provisions of U.S.C. Sections 1332 and 1441(a). In support of his request, Defendants state as follows:

1. Plaintiff commenced this action in the Circuit Court of St. Louis City, State of Missouri, on or about October 21, 2019 under the caption Terry Bell v. Cooley Transport, LLC and Gary Davis, Cause No. 1922-CC11801.
2. Defendants hereby request the removal of said action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, based upon the existence of diversity of citizenship between Plaintiff and Defendants pursuant to the diversity jurisdiction of this court and 28 U.S.C. Section 1332(a)(1).
3. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, is the Federal District Court embracing the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, where this action is currently pending.

4. This is a civil action over which this Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1332(a)(1), and is one which may be removed to this Court pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. Section 1441(a), in that:

a. Plaintiff was a citizen and resident of the State of Missouri at the time of the occurrence described in Plaintiff's Petition, and continues to be and remains a resident of the State of Missouri up to and including the present time.

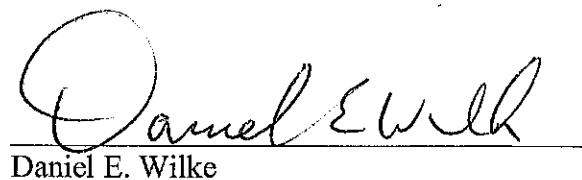
b. Defendants were citizens and residents of the State of Illinois at the time of the occurrence described in Plaintiff's Petition, and continue to be and remain residents of the State of Illinois up to and including the present time.

c. Plaintiff's Petition seeks recovery of an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, and therefore there is a reasonable probability that the matter in controversy herein exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs.

5. This Petition is filed pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. Sections 1441(a) and 1446 within 30 days after the receipt by Defendants of the initial pleadings setting forth the claim for relief upon which this action is based.

6. There are attached to this notice and incorporated hereby by reference, true and accurate copies of all process, pleadings and orders to date in this action.

WHEREFORE, Defendants request that this case be removed from the Circuit Court of St. Louis City, State of Missouri to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.



Daniel E. Wilke  
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STATE OF MISSOURI      )  
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CITY OF ST. LOUIS      )

Daniel E. Wilke, first being duly sworn upon his oath, states that he is the agent and attorney for Defendant, that he has read the foregoing Removal Petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements herein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal this 24 day of October, 2019.



Lori Boismenu  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:



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My Commission Expires  
October 18, 2022  
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I hereby certify that on October 24, 2019 the foregoing was filed electronically with the Clerk of Court to be served by operation of the Court's electronic filing system upon the following:

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